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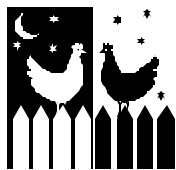
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Market conditions in shipping channels were generally steady but cautious. On local markets values were trending slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was seasonal with best movement noted in the fast food sector. Supplies were not available as early week but still fully adequate to ample for trade needs due in part to reduced processing schedules. In the parts structure, wings were in the best position, balance of items were irregular but usually adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 64.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 22th of November, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.50
BREASTS - B/S	125.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.00
LEG QUARTERS	30.00
WINGS	87.50

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Demand into retail outlets was seasonal and mostly on traditional holiday items. Food service interest was mixed, but still best into fast food locations where promotions were reported. Supplies were adequate to available. In the parts structure, trading was light. Most all items were reported as sufficient for full trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and spotty as dealers kept floorstocks to a minimum moving into the holiday. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate and occasionally discounted to stimulate movement. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were ample and boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate. Leg quarters were readily available and the balance of parts were at least sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Additional product offerings varied, very light buyer interest and intermittent sales. Movement into all channels was generally light to fair with occasionally fairly good to good demand into food service accounts. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate with sizes desirable. In the parts complex, offerings were moderate to heavy with trading noted as spotty and mostly inactive. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on all items.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Offerings seasonally ample for pre-Thanksgiving day needs. Buying interest was light and cautious. Retail demand for whole body light moderate overall for parts as interest focused on last minute holiday items. Floor stocks adequate overall.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 11/17/01	2001	2000	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	179,415	177,548	+01%
CHICKS PLACED	132,136	128,656	+03%
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	200,192	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	148,474	-	-

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 179 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 17, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 132 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 17, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 17, 2001 were 6.72 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

*Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 17, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 17, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 138.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 142.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 141.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 117.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.21 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 21, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	832	105.00-177.00	115-120	121.81
TENDERLOINS	186	105.00-201.00	107-110	120.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	59.00-64.50	59-63	61.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	39.00-55.00	39-40	40.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	198	22.00-26.00	22-24	23.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	920	25.00-33.00	26-27	26.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	72.00-93.00	89-92	90.22
WINGS (CUT)	560	90.00-110.00	94-97	97.54
DRUMSTICKS	103	45.00-55.00	-	48.11
THIGHS	63	44.00-55.00	-	47.30
B/S THIGHS	55	84.00-90.00	-	86.18

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	841	105.00-177.00	115-122	120.85
TENDERLOINS	72	105.00-201.00	105-110	136.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	60.00-65.00	60-63	62.02
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	96	39.00-55.00	39-40	40.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	362	22.00-26.00	23-24	23.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	320	26.00-28.00	26-27	26.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	120	72.00-93.00	-	86.21
WINGS (CUT)	445	94.00-118.00	95-98	103.10
DRUMSTICKS	120	44.00-55.00	-	46.50
THIGHS	55	43.00-55.00	-	45.55
B/S THIGHS	60	82.00-90.00	-	84.67

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 42.00	40.54	40.50 - 43.50	41.68	41.36

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying was of a light and spotty nature as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks closely cleared moving into the holiday. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained ample and discounted. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Leg quarters were fully adequate. The balance of parts were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone continued no better than steady to instances weak.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	122.58	367,180
TENDERLOINS	100	103.79	79,933
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	58.84	197,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	52.38	185,440
LEGS	39-40	42.52	193,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.75	538,524
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	41.40	106,940
THIGHS	37-38	42.51	67,290
B/S THIGHS	86-87	84.09	78,110
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	87.30	238,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.30	38,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.72	16,443
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.14	27,090

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	118.00	414,510
TENDERLOINS	100	104.48	63,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	58.52	182,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	50.31	167,840
LEGS	39-40	42.83	183,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	27.32	218,913
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	39.97	64,910
THIGHS	37-38	41.87	43,720
B/S THIGHS	86-87	87.34	55,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	88.43	324,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	53,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.41	17,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.39	17,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	11/21	11/20	11/19	11/16	11/19	11/16	11/14	11/12
ALA	3,729	4,001	3,941	3,845	5.15	4.92	3,986	5.08
ARK	5,024	5,366	5,204	5,755	5.03	4.88	4,697	5.10
DELMARVA	2,234	2,267	2,147	2,507	5.03	4.96	1,647	5.00
KY-LA-TN	1,782	1,978	2,036	2,396	4.57	4.55	1,917	4.50
MISS	2,315	2,792	2,764	2,892	5.18	4.96	2,305	5.23
NC	2,279	2,498	2,418	2,655	6.10	5.77	2,519	5.97
TEXAS	2,393	2,374	2,400	2,593	4.93	4.90	2,082	4.93
TOTAL	19,756	21,276	20,910	22,643	5.14	4.98	19,153	5.13
MON-WED 62,470(A)	58,654(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Nov 01 and is estimated to be 29,557,000 up 2.84 percent from a week ago and up 1.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,741,000; last year 29,267,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-96
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV 24-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/24/01 (1)	11/17/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	127,202 (2)	155,987
LT HENS	1,280	1,546
HVY HENS	963	1,596
CHECK TOTAL	129,445	159,129

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Nov-01 is 149.1 million head compared to 112.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 127.5 million head or 21.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 01-Dec-01 the estimated available is 152.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 19-Nov-01	90,749	70,868
AM 1-Nov-01	173,143	59,796
CHG	-82,394	11,072
PCT CHG	-48	19

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/19/01	11/12/01	11/20/00	11/19/01	11/12/01	11/20/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	8,232	12,278	11,023	3,169	3,470	8,390
LOS ANGELES	187	170	202	1,603	1,419	2,281

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2001

				RANGE			
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)				56-60			
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)				60-68			
<u>HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES</u>				<u>FOR 11/20/01</u>			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.95	.48	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.20	.45	.32	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.20	.30	.22	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	6.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.45	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	.75	.90	.82	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.10	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.00	5.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	1.00	.64	ROOSTERS ea.	1.50	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	1.30	.67	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.20	2.20	.72	DUCKS ea.	-	2.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.55	1.08	RABBITS ea.	1.00	6.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.50	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	6.00	9.00	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	1.00	1.75	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-

TOTAL COOPS 190

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 16, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	52.81	128.32	78.97	19.74	24.68	51.82
High	58.24	138.19	88.84	24.68	29.61	51.82
Mostly	57.25	138.19	78.97	24.68	24.68	51.82
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.73	133.25	83.90	24.68	14.81	46.89
High	61.20	138.19	93.77	32.08	17.27	46.89
Mostly	59.22	138.19	88.84	27.14	14.81	46.89
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	51.82	128.32	74.03	14.81	19.74	54.29
High	59.22	138.19	78.97	24.68	24.68	54.29
Mostly	56.76	128.32	78.97	24.68	24.68	54.29
BECERRA						
Low	57.74	138.19	88.84	24.68	14.81	49.35
High	60.21	143.12	98.71	34.55	19.74	49.35
Mostly	59.22	140.66	93.77	29.61	17.27	49.35

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive, typical of normal activity preceeding the Thanksgiving Holiday. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate today and all plants were closed tomorrow for the Holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49-71	55.92
NO. OF BOXES		8,912

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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